

## ALLIANCE OF ALL OR NONE, COALITION IN SENATE INSISTS

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special alliances of a military character.

The news to-day from Europe, particularly the interview given by Premier Briand to a London Daily Mail correspondent in Paris, reveals that the French have not given up hope of getting a defensive alliance with England as against Germany, and that if they get that alliance they will recede from the extreme naval demands and "play ball" at the Washington conference.

The British thus far have given pledges in speeches of their officials and statesmen, but have not been ready to write their promises into a treaty. This, the French believe, is essential. In the desire for a guarantee against German aggression may be found the key to the French policy at the Washington conference.

So far as the United States is concerned, it is not a party to the negotiations, as it has been made unmistakably plain to the French that America will not enter any tripartite agreement for the preservation of peace in Europe. This has caused a certain resentment in French circles, where the argument is made that if the United States is willing to enter a four-party treaty to preserve the rights of European and American nations 7,000 miles from the home land, what possible objection can there be to the making of a similar entente for the preservation of peace in Europe, only 3,000 miles away?

But the Democrats controlled by the Wilson influence are preparing to fight the whole idea of special treaties and alliances, and the argument they will use is best summed up in Mr. Wilson's speech at Manchester, England, in which he said in part:

"You know that the United States has always felt from the very beginning of her history that she must keep herself from any kind of connection with European politics, and I want to say very frankly to you that she is not now interested in European politics. But she is interested in the partnership of right between America and Europe. If the future had nothing for us but a new attempt to keep the world at a right poise by a balance of power, if the United States would take no interest, because she will join no combination of power which is not the combination of all of us. She is not interested merely in the peace of Europe, but in the peace of the world."

Although three years have passed

since those words were spoken, the situation has changed very little. The French were checkmated then, but are now asking for a balance of power in Europe once more.

Premier Briand says to-day: "Let there first be a pact or alliance between Great Britain and France—a pact which we offered and asked for, but have not obtained. Such a pact would be the platform on which the reconstruction of Europe could best be based. It would be the best proof that our naval building programme is not and never can be directed against our English friends."

But in Washington official circles the question is asked: "Against whom would such an alliance be directed? Is reconstruction best obtained by a revival of the balance of power in Europe and will America be benefited or harmed economically by such a policy in Europe?"

Ambassador Harvey's instructions from President Harding are to listen to the European proposals and refer them to Washington for decisions. The United States will lend her moral support to any project looking toward economic reconstruction provided it doesn't involve America politically. But while the Europeans are discussing alliances and balances of power the bi-partisan coalition in the American Senate is preparing to carry to the American people a programme of opposition to all treaties which imply protection of one group of nations as against another and will offer an alliance of all or none as the alternative.

### BRIAND AGAIN ASKS BRITISH ALLIANCE

Compact Would Be Proof Naval Programme Is Not Against England, He Says.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—"An alliance between Great Britain and France, for which we have asked but never obtained, would be the best proof our naval building programme is not directed against our English friends," Premier Aristide Briand of France declared in a statement published in the Daily Mail here to-day.

"French security is the key to the whole European situation," Briand said. "Let there first of all be a compact between France and Great Britain. Our other Allies might then be attached, perhaps in the form of the Pacific compact."

### WOULD DEMOBILIZE MEDICAL OFFICERS

Plan Advocated to Save \$750,000 Yearly in Public Health Service.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—The Bureau of Efficiency has recommended to Brig. Gen. Sawyer, President of the Board of Hospitalization, the return of reserve officers in the Public Health Service to civil status as an economy measure, it was said to-day at the Treasury.

Employment of these officers as civilian physicians in the Public Health Service would mean a saving of approximately \$750,000 a year, according to the bureau's estimates. There are at present 1,000 of these reserve officers on active duty with the Public Health Service.

### BRITISH READY TO ACCEPT CHANGE IN NEW TREATY

Will not Oppose Clarifying of Point in Regard to Japanese Home Land.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 (Associated Press).—Great Britain will offer no opposition to the adoption by the Arms Conference of any form of resolution or amendment to the four-power treaty which will make it clear that the convention does not apply to the Japanese home land, says the British spokesman.

The British delegation to-day was the only one of the principal powers that is not awaiting instructions from the home foreign office either in regard to the technical questions of naval auxiliary tonnage, the broader problems involved in the Root submarine resolutions, or in connection with the effort to come to an agreement on Far Eastern questions.

### ASK U. S. AND BRITISH LEADERS TO AID

Chinese Seek a Way Out of the Deadlock Over the Shantung Situation.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 (Associated Press).—Arthur J. Balfour and Secretary Hughes have been approached by the Chinese Arms delegation regarding the existing deadlock with the Japanese on Shantung, and have been asked to mediate. It was learned to-day on high authority.

### CABINET DISCUSSES WORLD REBUILDING

U. S. Will Soon Join, It Is Expected, in Call for Economic Congress.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—President Harding and his Cabinet to-day took

up the question of the World Economic Congress. They spent about two hours discussing the proposal for a European consortium and a conference of all the nations on economic and financial matters. No decision was reached as to American participation but indications were that the United States soon would join in some way in efforts to revive world business.



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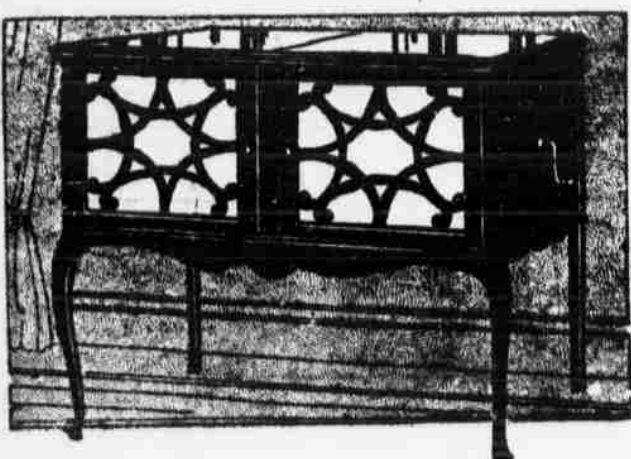
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